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Software developers take part in a “hackathon” organized by USAID’s Health IT to develop digital health applications.
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KENYA

HEALTH IT

USAID’s Health IT helps make quality data available for better health care by providing technical support to the Government of Kenya on health information systems and digital health. In collaboration with other implementing partners and universities, Health IT has supported both national ministries and counties with the development, enhancement, and evolution of critical information systems. Health IT is based at the University of Nairobi as a local partner to the Government of Kenya, with the aim of providing a long-term sustainable partnership in capacity building, technical assistance, and systems evaluation.

OUR WORK

Health IT is responsible for the maintenance and enhancement of the integrated national Kenya Health Information System, which provides data for health planning and performance monitoring, and related subsystems. Through Health IT, USAID supports the development, implementation and evolution of primary digital health solutions and their sub-systems. The digital health solutions include Early Infant Diagnosis systems, Viral Load Monitoring System, and the open-source Electronic Health Records Systems. Through the University of Nairobi, Health IT provides a data center to help back up the Ministry of Health systems and cloud services for the development, testing, training, and incubation of applications.

Additionally, Health IT provides technical support to the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection for the Child Protection Information Management System, which is used by the Kenyan Government and partners with the U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS relief to manage and report services provided to orphans and vulnerable children.

Finally, Health IT supports the Public Health Environment System, which is used by USAID partners to report malaria and reproductive, maternal, newborn, child, and adolescent health data.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Health IT has supported Kenya's health care sector by:

- Ensuring the timely enhancement and management of the digital health ecosystem by the Ministry of Health's local partners.
- Enabling seamless and ubiquitous data exchanges between various data systems.
- Improving the capacity of the national and county health ministries, local universities, and private sector in health information systems.

BUDGET: US \$24.76 million

DURATION: 2016-2023

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

National

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

University of Nairobi Enterprise Services (UNES)

KEY PARTNERS

Masinde Muliro University, Rongo University, Kabianga University, Maseno University, Kabarak University, Technical University of Mombasa, and Chuka University

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